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Little is available as to the exact history of this old barn, but we are reasonably sure that it was built by Henry, with the help of his neighbors around 1875. It was demolished as the "reclamation" work of the Jordanelle Dam progressed and the area is now inundated.

While located here, Henry became the first Presiding Elder of the LDS Elkhorn Branch of the Heber East Ward, being set apart in 1878. In 1899, he was set apart as the first Bishop of the Elkhorn Ward. He also served as Justice of the Peace, and later as county commissioner for 17 years. He finally, moved his wife and family back to his old haunts in Provo in about 1910 where first, his stalwart helpmeet died and later he died in 1931.

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